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Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

THE COLONEL'S ANALYSIS

WITH characteristic force and brevity Colonel Roosevelt summed up in a single paragraph of his opening speech in Maine Thursday night the one great, vital issue in the Presidential campaign, when he said:

The next four years may well be years of tremendous national travail. Which of the two men do you, the American people, wish at the helm during these four years, the man who has been actually tried and found wanting or the man whose whole career in public office is a guarantee of his power and good faith?

The Colonel in language that lacked nothing of his old vigor dwelt mainly upon the failures of the Wilson administration with respect to its European and Mexican policies.

Hughes has "made good" when put to the trial. Wilson has failed in Mexico and in Europe. He has failed in his pledge to relieve business of burdens and to reduce the cost of government.

The Colonel is showing true to form in analysis and eloquence, and promises to be one of the liveliest and most influential figures on the stump this fall.

THE CITY FIRST

PLACING the interests of the city as a whole above those of private enterprise, the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, through its authorized committee, has asked City Council to rescind action whereby it granted permission to an industrial concern to erect a bridge over North Seventh street.

It is scarcely to be believed that Council will permit the matter to go to such length. The members voted unanimously in favor of the bridge, against the protest of the City Planning Commission.

Of course, it will be the sincere hope of the public at large that the legislation proposed will be the forerunner of lasting industrial peace, but the manner of its enactment and the large doubt as to its constitutionality make that prospect far from bright.

DANIELS AT IT AGAIN

EVERY time Secretary Daniels talks he gets himself into trouble. His most recent break was in relation to the Vera Cruz incident.

day. That one mistake was made in no excuse for making others. It is said that Councilmen are prepared to show that other cities permit the bridging of streets, but that is no more a reason for bridges in Harrisburg than would be an argument by Council that because other cities permit their streets to be dirty Harrisburg should abolish its sweeping corps.

In a district officially set aside for industrial and commercial purposes it is easily conceivable that street bridges might be permitted without possibility of damage to owners of adjoining property or injury to the city from an esthetic standpoint.

The Chamber of Commerce has increased its prestige and influence for good in the community enormously by its courageous stand in support of the City Planning Commission.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW

RAILROAD men should not be too sanguine of the beneficial results of the eight-hour legislation which President Wilson is forcing through Congress.

It is intimated that the law is likely to fall in a constitutional test before the Supreme Court, in which event the great railroad brotherhoods will be compelled to make their fight all over again under aggravated conditions.

Naturally, there will be discontent among the army of railway employees who are not benefited by the law. These will not be able to discern special merit in legislation which provides a day of eight hours for one class of railroad men while failing to recognize the justice of extending the same benefits to themselves.

It will be contended by those who are urging the re-election of President Wilson that he has achieved important results for the railroad men in the present crisis, but the fact that not be overlooked among unbiased and thoughtful men that all signs have pointed to partisan political activity throughout the discussions at Washington rather than an earnest effort to establish upon firm foundations an enduring principle that would stand the test of time.

Pennsylvania soldiers now in the federal service will be supplied with pamphlets giving them full instructions as to how they should vote.

Not Improbable

A gentleman of a very excitable and emotional nature had the misfortune to lose his third wife.

Remarkable Reptiles

During the time of deposition of the clays constituting the Morrison shale in Southern Colorado, there existed a great variety of remarkable reptiles of huge size.

The Days of Real Sport



THE GRAVY YARD

have been permitted to shell the city until it surrendered before a landing was attempted.

Secretary Daniels replies with a quotation from Admiral Badger's report which would seem to indicate that no such order was issued.

But Mr. Cole points out that, while Admiral Badger was in command of the fleet, it was Admiral Fletcher who was in command at Vera Cruz, and he quotes from Admiral Fletcher's report the sentence, "Our men are only firing when fired at."

The statement, made in a reputable paper at the time, was never denied by the administration.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh's return to the State Capitol, which is expected within a week, is being eagerly awaited at Capitol Hill because of reports that he will take up the questions surrounding appointments of a manager of the State Insurance Fund and a member of the State Industrial Board before leaving on September 12 on the first of the three tours of the farming regions of the State.

Steps to declare the Franklin party "legally dead" were taken in Philadelphia courts yesterday and there was the usual objection raised.

The Philadelphia Record quotes Chairman Guffey as expressing the hope that Pennsylvania might find in the Democratic column this year.

Democracy

To the door of every generation there comes a knocking and unless the household, like the Thane of Cawdor and his wife, have been doing some deed without a name, they need not shudder.

The executive and legislative committees of the State Grange talked until a late hour last night on a legislative program which will be prepared for the next General Assembly and issue bonds for road construction.

The workers of the State Anti-Saloon League at their meeting here yesterday outlined a plan for tours of the State by speakers of national reputation and went over the situation in congressional and legislative districts.

Study in Finance

Mr. Hughes enjoyed going down into a copper mine the other day. It must be interesting to see the little dividends broken off from the solid ledge.

IDAHO IS PLEASED OVER RESULTS OF PROHIBITION

According to correspondence from Boise Ida., the seven months of the state-wide prohibition in Idaho have been eminently satisfactory and popular if the allegiance of the political parties to the standard of prohibition may be considered a criterion.

The way that the Republican plank came into being shows the attitude of that party's leaders still further. One of the members who had been conspicuously in favor of prohibition drafted a national prohibition plank to be submitted to the committee.

The quickest change has been in the moral aspect. Crimes were immediately lessened when the liquor was withdrawn. The mining town of Wallace with a population of 3,500 stands ahead in its record in not having a single arrest in the first three months of the year.

"We heartily favor the enactment of an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for national prohibition of both the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and urge upon the coming session of the Idaho Legislature the passage of a similar amendment."

The testimony of the State Children's Home Finding and Aid Society shows that poverty is decreasing, and that there has been a decided number of children committed to its care than previously, with an accompanying decrease in the cost of maintaining the children's home.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

"The Kaiser has dismissed thirty German generals," says a news item. But why doesn't somebody dismiss the Kaiser?

Our Daily Laugh

PUTTING HER RIGHT. Mrs. Bob Fish - Too bad, Mr. Goodole. Bob will be so disappointed in not seeing you. But he's out tonight.

CAN'T BE DONE

Lawyer - Se your wife cut you off in her will. Well, there must be a way to break it.

DO YOU KNOW

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HISTORIC HARRISBURG

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WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

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Evening Chat

Business and professional men, and citizens in general, know little about the closing of mails at the Harrisburg post office. They make numerous inquiries daily as to how late a letter may be posted to reach a certain destination.

Inquiries to-day brought the interesting information that most trains carry mail 4:00 and 9:00 a. m.; 12:30, 2:50, 3:30, 6:30 and 11:00 p. m.

New York-1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 9:00 and 9:30 a. m.; 12:20, 5:40, 10:40, and 11:45 p. m.

Harrisburg has always been an important mail distributing center. Away back in the days of John Harris there was a letter box department at Harrisburg and it is believed that some of the early carriers of postal matter that reached the Scotch Irish settlements of the Cumberland Valley went by way of the ferry. Mention is made in early letters written by people in this section, which was then Lancaster county, of the receipt of letters and papers from Philadelphia and the stage coaches which came into general use just before the Revolution all carried mail.

The coming of the first railroad train in 1836 was the cause of still greater expansion of the business of Harrisburg as a mail center and there followed a big increase in the amount of mail matter which was carried out of this town. It became the most important mail town between Philadelphia and the rapidly developing iron and steel metropolises of Western Pennsylvania.

It might be added that this city's importance as a center of distribution was recognized by the United States Railway Mail service forty years ago. Soon after the Civil war the mail service began developing by leaps and bounds and this city which had become a prominent concentration point for mails and supplies in the war was now looked upon in the seventies as the headquarters of the division and W. Jones Hughes was the first chief clerk. He had a big office in the city and he had traveled on long runs. He was succeeded by the late Senator John T. Fisher, who died a year or so ago at Sunbury. Then came Fred C. Gore, who held the place until 1905 and was succeeded by J. C. Burkholder, the present chief clerk. There have been thousands of men in the railway mail service running out of Harrisburg under these men, some of whom are now in other occupations and whose recollections of the service are most interesting.

The Harrisburg division is the second and comprises the central and northern parts of the State, as far west as Erie, Indiana and Somerset; parts of Western New York, the Northern California coast, and the Cumberland and the Allegheny and other valleys. There are 220 men in the division service, all running out of Harrisburg. The Main Line division of the Pennsylvania is known as division No. 15. It is a separate organization.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

James F. Woodward, the McKeesport legislator, who was here yesterday, will be a candidate for re-election and also for the chairmanship if he does not run for speaker. Mr. Woodward is one of the oldest legislators in point of service.

Senator W. C. Sprull, who has returned from the astronomical congress at his home near Harrisburg, took prizes in that branch when at college.

Judge Charles Y. Audenreth, of Philadelphia, has finished a long motor trip through the Adirondacks and New England. It is the longest trip he has taken yet.

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